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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WIFE OF PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA

REFERENCE: (A) GUATEMALA 1073; (B) GUATEMALA 1235

1. DR. ROBERT L. DUPONT, DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE (SAO) AND HEW'S NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA), IS PLEASED TO EXTEND INVITATION TO HELEN LOSI DE LAUGERUD TO VISIT TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION CENTERS AND DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS WHEN SHE COMES TO THE UNITED STATES. DR. DUPONT, RATHER THAN DEA, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE CENTERS AND PROGRAMS.

2. GIVEN MRS. LAUGERUD'S INFLUENCE ON GOG POLICY IN THIS FIELD, WE WISH TO HAVE VISIT MAKE AS POSITIVE IMPACT AS POSSIBLE. WHILE WE HAVE NO PREFERENCE AS TO TIMING AND COULD, IF ESSENTIAL, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ON SHORT NOTICE, WE WOULD HOPE THAT MRS. LAUGERUD COULD FIRM-UP TRAVEL PLANS

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SO THAT ITINERARY COULD BE COORDINATED WITH HER WELL IN

ADVANCE.

3. WE ASSUME THAT FOLLOWING NORMAL PRACTICE, GOG WILL
WISH TO DEFRAY COSTS OF MRS. LAUGERUD'S TRAVEL. IF GOG
ANTICIPATING USG FUNDING IN WHOLE OR IN PART, PLEASE

ADVISE SOONEST.

4. ILLUSTRATIVE NINE-DAY PROGRAM WOULD LOOK AS FOLLOWS:

MIAMI (WED - THURS) TREATMENT CENTERS AND DRUG ABUSE
PREVENTION PROGRAMS WITH EMPHASIS ON CUBAN-AMERICAN
COMMUNITY.

ALABAMA (FRI - MOND) EXPOSURE TO SMALLER-SCALE CENTERS
AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS (MEETINGS WITH ALABAMA PARTNERS
COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED).

WASHINGTON, D.C. (TUES - THURS) DR. DUPONT WOULD
WELCOME HER TO VISIT BOTH SAO AND NIDA OFFICES. APPOINT-
MENTS WITH HIGH-RANKING EXPERTS IN DRUG-ABUSE HEALTH
RELATED FIELDS. VISIT TO DEA FOR BRIEFING ON LAW EN-
FORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

SAN FRANCISCO (FRI - SUN) VISIT TREATMENT CENTERS.

HOUSTON (MON) MEXICAN-AMERICAN BORDER ENFORCEMENT CO-
OPERATION, EDUCATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS WITH EM-
PHASIS ON SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR MEXICAN-AMERICANS.

SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN MOST MAJOR CITIES. INGERSOLL

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